



WESTWARD CUP REGATTA

NOTICE OF REGATTA

Monday 11th – Saturday 16th June 2012

The Royal Yacht Squadron, in conjunction with the New York Yacht Club, the Yacht Club de Monaco, is pleased to announce that the 2012 Westward Cup Regatta will be held at Cowes, Isle of Wight from Monday 11th June to Saturday 16th June 2012.

In line with the tradition of these races yachts are invited to wear their own racing flags during the Westward Cup and the owners are encouraged to drive their yachts (subject to insurance limitations). For further information on how to obtain details of this please contact chrism@rys.org.uk.

All times are British Summer Time (UTC plus 1 hour).

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Monday	11 th June	0503/1745
Tuesday	12 th June	0556/1840
Wednesday	13 th June	0657/1940
Thursday	14 th June	0804/2039
Friday	15 th June	0908/2134
Saturday	16 th June	1003/2221

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal Yacht Squadron. The Regatta Headquarters will be at the Castle, Cowes, home of the Royal Yacht Squadron.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by:

the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing,

the IRC Rules, Parts 1, 2 and 3,

the Current Associated British Ports, Southampton, Byelaws.

<http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/admin/content/files/PDFDownloads/Soton%20Byelaws.pdf>

the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, other than those to RRS 68, shall not apply. Support Boats will be permitted

- 2.3 Two races completed will constitute a series

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Entry to the Regatta is by invitation only.

- 3.2 All boats shall hold a valid IRC rating certificate. Changes to IRC TCCs after Friday 1st June, other than to correct Rating Office errors, will only be accepted at the discretion of the RORC Rating Office Technical Director.

- 3.3 All yachts shall have, as a member of the crew, a Safety Officer in an advisory capacity designated by the Organising Authority and, where applicable, a recognised and accredited Pilot. Details of the pilot assigned to each yacht will be promulgated in advance of the regatta

- 3.4 All yachts shall provide daily crew lists to the regatta office by 0900 on each racing day.

4 ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

ENTRY IS STRICTLY BY INVITATION

- 4.1 The entry fee will be £7,500
- 4.2 The Entry Fee is inclusive of VAT and will include some tickets for the planned social occasions.
- 4.3 Entries will not be confirmed until the full entry fee has been received by the RYS.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

In the event that a race is lost for any reason the Organising Authority retains the right to use the lay day as a race day and to also complete 2 races in one day.

5.1 Schedule of Events, Races and Social Arrangements

Monday 11th June	Registration and Inspection	0900-1600
	Skippers' briefing at the RYS	1800-1830
	Opening reception at the RYS (Jacket and Tie)	1830-2000
Tuesday 12 th June	Race 1 for the Yacht Club de Monaco Trophy	Warning signal 1020
	Buffet Supper at RYS Pavilion, sponsored by YCM (jacket and tie)	2000 for 2030
Wednesday 13 th June	Race 2 for the Boat International Media Trophy	Warning signal 1020
	Black Tie dinner at RYS sponsored by Boat International Media	2000 for 2030
Thursday 14 th June	Lay day	
	Free Evening	
Friday 15 th June	Race 3 for the New York Yacht Club Trophy	Warning signal 1020
	Barbeque supper at RYS Pavilion sponsored by NYYC (smart yachting clothes)	2000 for 2030
Saturday 16 th June	Race 4 for the Royal Yacht Squadron Trophy	Warning signal 1020
	Prize giving ceremony at RYS Pavilion followed by Owners' dinner sponsored by RYS (Jacket and Tie)	1900 2000 for 2030

5.2 The full programme of events and sailing instructions will be available on the RYS website in advance of the regatta and at the Regatta Office at Registration.

6 MEASUREMENT AND CONTROL

- 6.1 Measurement checks may take place *by appointment* on Monday 11th June 0900 and 1600. Boats arriving after these times may apply for dispensation to the Race Committee.
- 6.2 A list of boats' TCCs will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board as soon as possible after 1600 on Monday 11th June. The Protest Time Limit for Rating Protests for boats, except any relating to changes made during the regatta, will expire two hours after the TCCs are posted.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be the general area of the Solent. Courses will normally be set in the Solent and will mirror those set for Big Class yachts in the 1920's and 30's. A "Round the Isle of Wight" race may be included, if weather permits. Admiralty chart folio SC 5600 is recommended.
- 7.2 The list of courses from which daily races will be chosen is at appendix A.
 - 7.2.1 All yachts, where applicable – for example on a course to the East transiting the Forts - shall pass between No Man's Land Fort and Horse Sand Fort. If a Round the Isle of Wight course is selected, all yachts shall pass to the East of Bembridge Ledge Buoy.
- 7.3 Prohibited Areas.
 - 7.3.1 Boats shall not pass to the North of:
 - (a) Horse Sand Fort
 - (b) the obstruction of the row of iron piles off Durns Point, east of Lymington.These areas will be treated as obstructions.
 - 7.3.2 Boats shall not anchor or kedge:
 - (a) within the area defined by the two hatched lines between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay shown on Admiralty Chart 2040
 - (b) within the mining ground area north east of Ryde Sand.

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26, amended with the warning signal given 10 minutes before the Start.
- 8.2 In the event of an individual recall under Rule 29.1 sail numbers will be announced over the radio. This adds to Rule 29.1. Failure or delay in making such an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62. Yachts should not, however, attempt to return to the correct side of the start line, but will incur a penalty on their eventual elapsed time. The amount of this penalty will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.3 All Races will be started from the Royal Yacht Squadron Line. The line to be used will be announced at the daily time check which will be given over the radio at 0845 daily.

PLEASE NOTE THE VHF CHANNEL TO BE USED WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE SKIPPERS' BRIEFING

8.4 STARTING FROM THE ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON LINE:

- 8.4.1 The starting line is an extension of the line formed by bringing the Royal Yacht Squadron flagstaff into line with the white line on the orange diamond on the Castle, limited by the inner and outer limit marks (orange inflatable buoys labelled RYS) which are starting marks. When either limit mark is on the pre-start side of the line boats shall start between the points of the line nearest the limit marks.
- 8.4.2 Vertical light beams are installed at the Royal Yacht Squadron to identify the starting line transit. The intensity of the light beam increases as the transit is approached and at the approximate point of the transit the rear light is momentarily obscured by the flagstaff. This is a navigational aid only and does not constitute the starting line, nor will a start be postponed because of any failure of the equipment.
- 8.4.3 The inner limit mark of the starting line will be an orange inflatable buoy labelled RYS positioned approximately 200 metres from the Royal Yacht Squadron flagstaff.

8.4.4

	BEARING FROM RYS FLAGSTAFF	OUTER LIMIT MARK	INNER LIMIT
LINE 1	Approximately 347°(T) in direction of Williams Shipping	Williams Shipping Buoy	Orange Inflatable Labelled RYS

LINE 2	011°(T) in direction of South Bramble	South Bramble Buoy	Orange Inflatable Labelled RYS
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8.4.4 DIRECTION OF START AND LINE POSITION

- (a) Prior to the first warning signal each day or to the first warning signal following a postponement, a signal displayed at the RYS Lodge flagstaff, as in the table below, will indicate the start direction and line position for the first race, and for all subsequent races unless there is a postponement.
- (b) After a postponement, the direction of start may be reversed and/or the start line changed.

SIGNAL	LINE NO	DIRECTION OF START
Green Flag over NP1	1	West
Green Flag over NP2	2	West
Red Flag over NP1	1	East
Red Flag over NP2	2	East

- 8.5 A rectangular start box will be established behind the starting line, whose depth will be approximately 800 metres and length equivalent to the length of the starting line. This will be a sanitised area between the warning signal and the official start time plus one minute, patrolled by safety boats and open only to yachts racing.

Boats may start any time between the official start time and ten minutes thereafter. If a boat starts within a period of two minutes after the official start time her time of crossing the start line will be taken as her start time for the purposes of her corrected time calculation. If a boat starts more than two minutes after the official start time, her start time will be assumed to have been the official start time. Rules 29 and 30 will not be used during this regatta.

- 8.6 A boat shall not start later than ten minutes after her valid starting signal.

9 SAFETY

- 9.1 Man overboard. If a member of the crew (including guests) should accidentally fall overboard, yachts should not try to reverse course to pick him/her up, as this will be carried out by an accompanying RIB. Instead, yachts should maintain course

and feather sails where possible and make every effort to slow down, if necessary using their engines to do so. As soon as possible, assuming no injury to the person overboard, the RIB managing the incident will return the person to the yacht concerned.

RACES WILL NOT BE RUN IN WEATHER CONDITIONS WHERE FLAG Y WOULD BE FLOWN – RRS 40, HOWEVER THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY EXPECTS THAT ALL OWNERS WILL WISH TO SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT THEIR YACHT HAS SUFFICIENT SAFETY DEVICES ONBOARD FOR ALL CREW AND PASSENGERS.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 When finishing at the RYS line the finishing line will be between the RYS flagstaff and an orange inflatable buoy approximately two cables to the northward of the RYS flagstaff.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 The list of trophies and awards will be posted on www.rys.org.uk as they are confirmed.
- 11.2 Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded and presented on each respective race day. The final overall winner will be presented with the “Westward Cup”, which is a perpetual trophy, and with a replica keepsake trophy, at the final prizegiving dinner

12 DISCLAIMER

Each yacht is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of Race, or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces that responsibility. It is for the Captain of the yacht to decide whether the yacht is seaworthy and/or fit to sail in any conditions that may be encountered. By going to sea, the Owner, Captain and the yacht confirm that the yacht is seaworthy and fit and that its crew is competent to sail in any conditions that may be encountered

The Organising Authority exclude all liability for property damage, death and personal injury sustained at sea or on land in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the Regatta to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Nothing done by the Organising Authority can reduce the responsibility of the yacht and nor will it make the Organising Authority responsible for any loss, damage or personal injury, however the same may have occurred, as a result of the yacht's participation at the Regatta. The term "Organising Authority" shall include any person helping to run and/or assist with the Westward Cup Cowes 2012 Regatta and races and it includes, but is not limited to The Royal Yacht Squadron, the Race Committee, Principal Race Officer, trustees, support boat, sponsor, supporters and other companies and organisations officially involved with the Westward Cup Cowes 2012 Regatta.

If any provision in this Section (Disclaimer of Liability) is deemed for any reason to be invalid, void or deleted, the remainder of this Section and this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in force.

13. INSURANCE

It is a condition precedent to entry to the Regatta that each yacht shall be insured with reputable insurers for physical loss of or damage to the yacht (up to current market value of the yacht and all its equipment onboard) and also insured for Third Party Liability risks up to €5,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies) for the period of the Regatta set out in the Schedule above. The Captain undertakes to ensure that Certificate(s) of Insurance (which must be in English) reflecting the above required insurance are carried on board the yacht at all times during the Regatta.

The yacht's insurer(s) should be notified of the yacht's participation in the Regatta and a copy of the Rules (Sailing Instructions) should be shown to the yacht's insurer(s).

The Captain of each yacht hereby undertakes to draw to the attention of each crew member, guest and person sailing on board the yacht during the Regatta the importance of each of them having adequate and suitable personal accident insurance.

14. CANCELLATION OF THE REGATTA

The Organising Authority reserve the right to cancel the Regatta completely by written notification to each yacht by e-mail to the Captain's e-mail address on the Entry Form.

In the event of cancellation of the Regatta:

each yacht's Entry Fee that has been received by the Organising Authority will be returned in full to that yacht;

this Agreement in respect of this Regatta will be terminated forthwith; and

each yacht, Owner and Captain hereby expressly agree that no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Organising Authority will be permitted or entertained at all and each yacht, Owner and Captain hereby expressly undertakes to indemnify the Organising Authority in respect of any claim brought by anyone associated with them and/or their yacht and any costs incurred by the Organisers in relation to such claim.

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END OF NOTICE OF RACE

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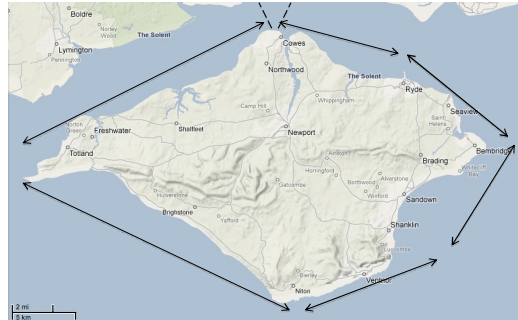
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Appendix A

COURSES



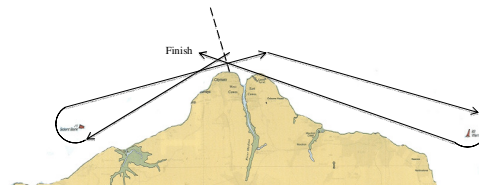
Westward Cup 2010



Round the Island Race

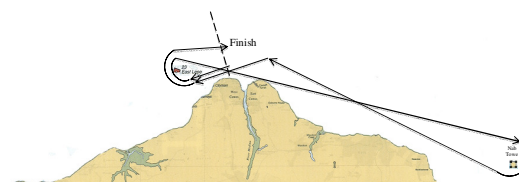
RYS line to west – Needles Channel – Bridge Buoy (Pass on West Side)
– Bembridge Ledge Buoy (Pass on East Side) – Portsmouth approach
Pass between No Man's Land And Horse Sand Forts – Finish.

Course may be run in Clockwise Direction all Marks to be followed, but
in reverse.



Course 2

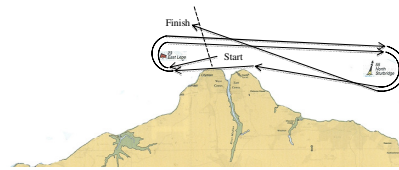
RYS Line to West – Solent Bank – Warner – Finish 38miles



Course 3

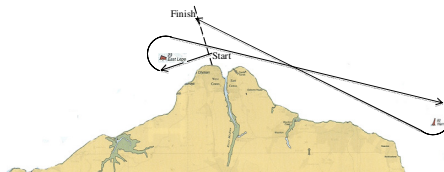
RYS Line to West – East Lepe – Nab Tower – East Lepe – Finish
45miles

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Course 4

RYS Line to West – East Lepe – North Sturbridge – Twice round –
Finish 40miles

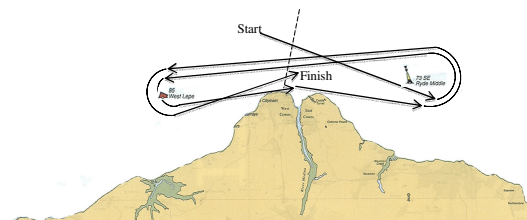


Course 5

RYS Line to West – East Lepe – Warner – Finish 23miles

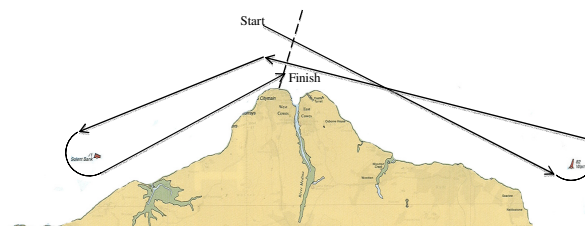


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Course 6

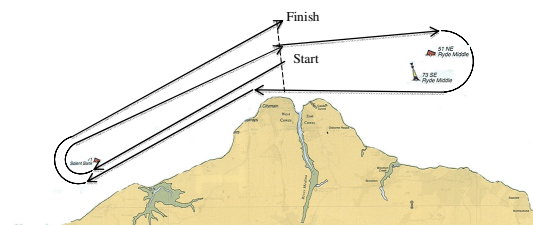
RYS Line to East – SE Ryde Middle – West Lepe – Twice round –
Finish 35miles



Course 7

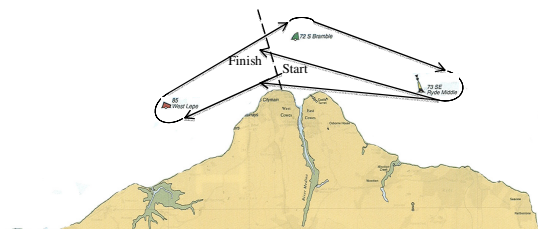
RYS Line to East – Warner – Solent Bank – Finish 38miles

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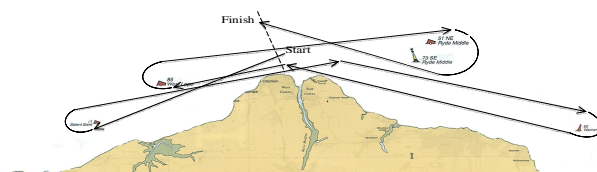
Course 8

RYS Line to West – NE Ryde Middle – SE Ryde Middle – Solent Bank
– Finish 46miles



Course 9

RYS Line to West – West Lepe – † South Bramble – SE Ryde Middle –
Twice round – Finish 34miles



Course 10

RYS Line to West – Solent – Warner – Finish – East Lepe –
NE Ryde Middle – SE Ryde Middle – Finish: 46miles